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WATER FOR BLOOMFIELD.

THE CONTRACT WITH THE ORANGE COMPANY WILL EXPIRE NEXT YEAR.

It is Time the Township Committee Gave Its Attention to This Very Important Matter.

The Township Committee of 1893-'94 will be intrusted with the responsible duty of making a new contract for a water supply for the town. The existing contract with the Orange Water Company expires on January 1st, 1894. There is no question about the quality of the water furnished by the Orange Water Company. It is admitted to be equal to the best, and is far superior to that of many towns. The water furnished by the East Jersey Water Company cannot compare with it in quality.

There are two points, however, in which the contract with the Orange Water Company does not meet with satisfaction. One is the high price, and the other the insufficient quantity in certain portions of the town permanently and throughout the town generally during the hot summer months. There is always an uncertainty about the pressure in case of fire during the summer, and the supply for street sprinkling is often meagre indeed. For drinking and domestic purposes alone the Orange Company's water is worth the price. For street and lawn sprinkling and fire purposes it is too expensive. An inferior quality of water would serve these latter purposes just as well, but would necessitate a double system of pipes through the town. A new contract that will furnish a more abundant but inferior quality of water at a lower price will undoubtedly not give satisfaction, and to secure a more abundant supply from the Orange Water Company will perhaps be a difficult matter, for the company's ability to furnish it is questioned. Whether the company would consent to furnish water for domestic purposes alone, with the fire-hydrant subsidy cut off, is another question.

The Township Committee of last year devoted considerable time and attention to the question of a new water supply. The information they obtained was not made public, but it was understood that the East Jersey Water Company would bid for the water franchise as soon as the town entered the market in search of a supply, but would make no bids to be used simply to beat down the Orange Company while its contract was still in existence. It was also learned that the Orange Water Company would sell its plant in Bloomfield to the town.

Public ownership of the town's water plant is the ideal system of not a few citizens of the town. It works well in many towns, but under the present circumstances, where all the surrounding sources of supply are in the hands of corporations, would probably not give satisfaction in this town. There is an impression that as good and as adequate supply can be obtained in our own township's limits as that of the Orange Water Company. Midland Avenue, near the Edison factory, is mentioned as one of those places, and the silver spring on Upper Broad Street another. But it is merely conjecture. No one has had the temerity to invest the capital in experimenting with a view to thoroughly demonstrating whether the water is there in sufficient quantities or not.

Several points are to be covered in a new contract, no matter with what company it is made. One, and not the least important, is the securing of a more adequate supply for the Glen Ridge district. The present contract is detrimental to the development of a large tract of the most valuable land in the township. If the contract is renewed with the Orange Company a special supply reservoir located on the Ridge should be insisted upon and contracted for.

To Await the Action of the Grand Jury. Murdo Campbell, a tree agent from Roselle, N. J., got into a political debate on Sunday with John Lynch, who is a mason's clerk, or, to be more explicit, one who carries the hod. The argument took place in Rudolph's saloon, at the head of the inclined plane. Lynch, who is a firm believer in the doctrine of protection, was getting decidedly the worst of the debate, when to even matters he seized a carving knife and proceeded to make mince-meat of Campbell, slashing his ear in a frightful manner. Lynch was sent to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

Charles M. Lockwood Hurt. A colt driven by Charles M. Lockwood ran away on Bloomfield Avenue last Saturday night and collided with a wagon driven by some unknown person. Mr. Lockwood was thrown out and badly cut about the face. Dr. Van Gleason attended the injured man.

A False Report. The report that an attempt had been made to set fire to Coffey's store on Broad Street, was entirely unfounded. Nothing of the kind ever occurred.

Town Committee.

The bill of the Montclair Gas and Water Company, amounting to \$2,001.96, for the three months from August 1 to November 1, was presented for payment on Monday. An item of a little over \$25 for repairs to lamps called forth some discussion. Mr. Stout, Chairman of the Street-Lighting Committee, thought that the location of the lamps repaired should be stated in the bill in order to give the Committee an opportunity to investigate the nature of the repairs and the causes necessitating them. In looking over previous bills it was learned that the average annual cost for repairs to lamps is about \$100. Most of this damage to lamps is the work of mischievous boys. It is proposed to have the Superintendent of Public Works give his attention to the matter and endeavor to check the costly mischief.

Mr. Lockwood reported that E. S. Wilde complained that the street lamps on the north end of Ridgewood Avenue were frequently not lighted until after eight o'clock. The same complaint was made of the street lamps on Washington Avenue. Mr. Gilbert reported that complaint was made that the lamps on Monroe Place and other streets were extinguished too early, sometimes a full half hour before the contract time. The attention of the Gas Company will be called to the various complaints.

A lamp was ordered erected on the east side of Orchard Street, between Baylis Street and the railroad.

Officer Harry Mahoney tendered his resignation as a member of the police force, and it was accepted.

Collector A. C. Marr's bill for services rendered in receiving and disbursing school money was referred to the Township Council for an opinion as to the township's liability in the matter. The Township Treasurer stated that the amount in the bank to the credit of the town was \$4,327.53. The Road Committee were authorized to spend \$200 in purchasing the gore of property that obstructs Newark Avenue at its junction with Franklin Street in order to make the street a uniform width of sixty-six feet. There is an unexpended balance of \$800 from the appropriation of \$3,000 voted for that purpose. A large number of bills for election services were paid.

St. Paul's New Pastor.

The newly elected pastor of St. Paul's Church, the Rev. John W. Williams, will enter upon the duties of his charge to-morrow (Sunday), by preaching at the morning and evening services. Rev. John W. Williams, M. A., was graduated from Oxford, and was ordained at Lincoln Cathedral, England, where he served several years in large English parishes, and has for the past three or four years been one of the clergy connected with Trinity parish, New York city, working under Dr. Dix. Mr. Williams's work has been in the church and with the church, and he is an earnest minister of divine truth. The people of St. Paul's rejoice that their pulpit, so long vacant, will now be occupied by a regularly settled pastor, and that the call to Mr. Williams went forth from the entire congregation.

Evangelical Services.

Commencing on Sunday next special evangelical services will be held in the First Baptist Church for two weeks. For some time there has been an increased spiritual interest in the church, and a number of persons have recently, through the regular services, professed conversion. Feeling that the condition of the work demanded it, the church has arranged to hold special services. The Rev. Cornelius Woolfkin and the Rev. Theodore Holsig, both pastors of churches in Jersey City, will assist the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Cook, in these meetings. The ladies of the church will hold special prayer meetings on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, at three o'clock. The evening meetings will be held at eight o'clock, and all classes are invited to attend.

Death of John Dougherty's Son.

A telegram was received by John Dougherty of Lincoln Street on Monday last from Streator, Illinois, announcing the death of his son William, who left here about ten years ago and located at Streator, where for some time he occupied a responsible position in the mines. From there he went to Iowa, where he died. His body will be interred in the Bloomfield Cemetery. He was thirty-two years of age and unmarried.

The Knights of Pythias.

The ranks of Page and Esquire were conferred in Eureka Lodge, Knights of Pythias, on Tuesday evening. The rank of Esquire and Knight will be conferred next Tuesday evening, and the uniformed division will be present in full uniform to confer the rank. A full attendance of the members is desired.

Happy and content is a home with "The Rochester," a lamp with the light of the morning. Call on Rochester Lamp Co. 28 Park Place, N. Y.

TO LEASE THE BELL TOWER.

THE TOWN WILL ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF IT.

Other Fire Department Matters Before the Township Committee Last Monday.

The controversy between the Town Committee and the members of Essex Truck Company over the question of responsibility involved in the maintenance of the bell tower is in process of amicable and satisfactory settlement, due to the skillful and diplomatic management of the case at the hands of the members of the company. Essex, with its usual good luck, will come out on top. Sensational newspaper reporters, who, in their mind's eye, pictured Charles H. Johnson, William U. Oakes, F. N. Unangst, and others at the top of the tower hurling the fire-alarm apparatus to the ground, and expected to profit by several columns of thrilling narrative, are doomed to disappointment. With the Truck Company it is always the sober second thought that prevails before action. It is this fact that has caused it to be looked up to as the brainy element of the Fire Department.

Frank G. Tower and Dr. William H. Van Gleason, representing the Truck Company, appeared before the Committee on Monday afternoon in connection with the question at issue. Mr. Tower was the spokesman. He briefly and lucidly ran over the facts connected with the erection of the tower and purchase of the bell. Mr. Tower said it might be inferred from the article in THE CITIZEN that the company desired to sell the structure and bell to the town. This was not the case. Essex was not in the Fire Department for pecuniary profit. In this respect it was not like other organizations in the town. When a member left Essex he bequeathed his equity in the company's property free and clear to his successors. Mr. Tower said that Essex did not ask one cent from the town for the use of the tower. The town had enjoyed free use of the bell for eight years, and for two years had used the tower as a fire-alarm station. The heavy machinery of the alarm system had been placed in the structure. The company had not consented to this, but simply accepted. With respect to the bell it was a thing that the company took much pride in, and had not the remotest idea of selling it. It was a distinct feature of Essex. The company's name was inscribed upon it. The company, Mr. Tower said, felt that having given the town free use all these years of the bell and tower, the town should assume the responsibility in case of damage from the fall of the structure. The tower is now in a bad condition. There is danger that it may fall. In case of damage from its fall the company is liable. The town uses the structure, and the town should assume all responsibility.

Messrs. Beach, Oakes, and Stout entered into a discussion of the matter with Mr. Tower. Mr. Beach took exception to Mr. Tower's making it appear that Essex Truck Company was being imposed on by the Town Committee in this matter. He said that if the fire-alarm weighted down the tower, it was the firemen who had asked for the alarm, and every improvement that applied to the Fire Department in general was granted at the particular request of members of the Department. Neither citizens nor the Committee had forced anything on the Department, and in the case of this heavy machinery in the bell tower the Committee had not ridden rough-shod over the Truck Company in putting it there. Mr. Oakes was opposed to assuming responsibility without ownership.

Mr. Gilbert, second member of the Fire Committee, offered a motion that the town take a lease of the bell and tower, to expire at the same time that the company's lease of the property expires, which is on August 10, 1893.

Mr. Rayner, Chairman of the Fire Committee, seconded the motion.

The terms of the lease will be arranged at a joint meeting of the Fire Committee and the Trustees of the Truck Company and will be submitted to the Township Committee for approval.

An eight-inch side-valve fire-alarm whistle was ordered purchased, to be placed at the National Paper Mill. This whistle is similar to the one at the East Orange disposal works, and will be distinctly heard all over the town. With fittings and all complete it will cost about \$100.

William R. Motz's resignation from Essex Truck Company was received and accepted.

Exemption certificates were granted to members of Excelsior Hose Company, and the names of the newly elected officers of Excelsior Company were submitted and approved.

Cork soled shoes at Shoenthal's. Adv.

Reception at the Glen Ridge Club.

The season's festivities at the club-house were inaugurated on Wednesday evening by a reception and dance at which about a hundred people were present. The genial president of the club, Mr. Robert S. Rudd, received the guests in the reading room, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion with potted plants, palms and flowers without stint. The billiard room, from which the tables had been temporarily removed for repairs, was used for the dancing, and the upper hall was transformed by a lavish and tasteful use of palms and flowers into a most enticing refreshment room; fifteen tables decorated with flowers and fairy lamps, furnished ample room for all; refreshments were served from ten o'clock until midnight; the menu, painted by Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Berrian and Miss Newton, were "just too lovely for anything." A liberal use of portieres, rugs and easy chairs turned one end of the bowling alley into a comfortable smoking room, which was well patronized. Altogether the entertainment was one of the most enjoyable ever given at the club-house, and to the committee in charge of it, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Wright Stout and Mrs. Berrian, all praise should be given. Next Friday evening there will be the usual dance, and the week following an informal entertainment, the nature of which has not yet been decided upon.

The Star Course Entertainment.

The Star Course started off well last Wednesday evening with a concert by the famous Ariel Ladies' Quartette, assisted by Miss Adele Weber, reader. Lack of space and time prevent an extended notice of the concert, but it was unquestionably an artistic as well as financial success—the hall being well filled. Almost every number was encouraged, and by a special request the ladies repeated their first selection, "The Fountain," by Bartlett. Their voices blended perfectly and their enunciation is remarkably distinct. The large audience seemed especially pleased with "The Chastel Horn" quartette and the "Venetian Boat Song" as rendered by Misses Nichols and Holt. The recitals of Miss Adele Weber afforded a pleasant variety, and so great was her success that while down for but three numbers the audience added six more to the list in honor of the heartiest kind, which must have convinced Miss Weber that she had done her part to the entire satisfaction of the large audience. In short it was all good and every course ticket holder no doubt left the hall feeling that he had never before attended a better (if as good) an entertainment at the trifling cost of twenty-five cents. The next entertainment is on Tuesday evening, November 29th, when President Gates is to lecture on "Patriotism in Times of Peace."

Their Pool-Hox Also Robbed.

It seems as though the Truck Company is not the only organization in town to suffer through the dishonesty of some person. Excelsior Hose boys have been much disturbed for a long while by the strange disappearance of money from their pool-box and also other movable articles, such as sponges, oil cans, etc. Various plans to catch the offender have been tried and proved unsuccessful. A certain member of the company, it is alleged, has been mixed up in several affairs that renders him unfit to be a member of the department. The other members of the company say they do not care to do fire duty with such a man, so his resignation will be demanded, and if he does not comply with the demand he will be, to use a popular expression, "fired."

Ate "Rough on Rats."

Marion, the two-year-old daughter of William H. Hill of Summit Street, while on a visit on Monday to her aunt, Mrs. C. T. Van Court, who resides next door, ate a piece of cake which had been coated with "Rough on Rats" and placed near the stove for the purpose of killing mice. Luckily Mrs. Van Court found the child eating the cake and promptly summoned Drs. Bailey and White, and they by heroic efforts saved the little one's life.

The Madrigal Society.

The Madrigal Society will hold their first concert of the season on the evening of December 1st in the First Presbyterian Church. Miss Macellino Gonzales and Mr. Carl E. Duff have been engaged as soloists. Arrangements are being made to have a violin soloist of high repute present. C. Wenham Smith will conduct the concert. It will be an event in musical circles in the town.

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WILL BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

BUILDING THE OUTLET SEWER CAUSES DAMAGE TO BLOOMFIELD'S STREETS.

It Will Cost \$1,000 to Restore Montgomery Street to Its Former Condition—To Verify the Sewer Bills—The Sewer So Far Has Cost This Town About \$24,000.

The contractors constructing the union outlet sewer apparently go on the theory that this town has no rights in its own streets which they, the contractors, need trouble themselves about respecting. The contractors have probably given some attention to the articles of agreement between this town and Orange respecting the governance of the sewer, and have concluded that this town has but a weak and feeble voice in the matter. The Township Committee proposes to make the contractors or some other responsible party understand that they cannot ride roughshod over this town without making some compensation for the damage done. Requests made to the Orange city officials to have sidewalks and crosswalks torn up and destroyed by the sewer contractors restored to their former condition have gone unheeded. Threats of charging up the cost of repairs against the city of Orange have had no effect, and a disposition to treat this town as a non-entity in the matter has been manifested all along. In view of this spirit of indifference to the rights of this town the Township Committee feels justified in taking some extreme measure towards compelling a recognition of the Town Committee's authority on its own premises. Town Counsel Barrett has been directed to look over the provisions of the contract between this town and Orange, and to give the Committee an opinion on two points: First, who is the Committee to look to for compensation for damages to the streets, the city of Orange or the contractors doing the work? Second, in regard to the dirt excavated from the trenches, who has a right to it, the contractors or the town?

When the Counsel shall have rendered his opinion, Mr. Rayner, Chairman of the Sewer Committee, will present the case for the town before the Sewer Committee of Orange. One of the most flagrant outrages that this town has been subjected to in connection with the construction of the sewer is on Montgomery Street. This street was recently macadamized at much expense by the town. The macadam has been destroyed, and it will cost the town over a thousand dollars to restore the street to a proper condition. Mr. Oakes spoke at length on the bad condition of Montgomery Street at the Town Committee meeting on Monday, and he favored prompt and decisive measures to fix the responsibility and compel the responsible parties to repair the street. Both roadway and sidewalk on this street have been left in a disgraceful condition, and the disregard of public and private rights is an insult to the town that should be vigorously resented.

There is one point in the agreement between this town and Orange over which there can be no dispute, and that is the liability for a share of the expense of construction of the sewer. A bill was presented on Monday amounting to \$10,808.18 for work done during the months of September and October. The Township Treasurer was directed to borrow the money and pay the bill. This makes a total of about \$24,000 now borrowed for the payment of sewer work. There is yet about \$9,000 to pay if the cost of the work does not exceed the approximate estimates of the engineers given previous to starting the project. There is an impression among the Committee that the estimates will be very much exceeded.

Mr. Rayner proposed on Monday that the town in conjunction with Montclair employ some competent person to verify the sewer bills paid by the Committee. Mr. Rayner stated that the sewer accounts were made up from the daily reports furnished to the Engineer by the inspectors. The same contractors were engaged in constructing a portion of the sewer for which Orange was alone responsible, and it would be well to know that material used on that was not charged to the construction account of the union outlet. Mr. Oakes said that such work would be merely clerical and did not necessitate the employment of a civil engineer, and that if the town was going to take any such action it would be well to limit the amount to be expended.

In the discussion over the probable cost Mr. Gilbert said the town paid \$500 for expert opinions from engineers for an outline plan of sewerage for the town, which money he thought was earned very easily. Other members of the Committee expressing astonishment at the amount, Mr. Rayner explained that it was when Mr. Rudd was Chairman of the Sewer Committee. It was finally decided to have the verification made, and \$100 was voted as this town's share of the expense.

The Paulist Fathers.

The Paulist Fathers Society at Fifty-ninth Street, New York, is one of the most influential organizations in the Catholic Church in this country. It was founded about thirty-five years ago by Father Hecker, brother of George Hecker, the millionaire flour merchant, and numbers among its members well-known and leading Catholics noted for their piety and learning. Father Young, at one time a professor at Princeton College; Father Dushon, a schoolmate of General Grant at West Point; Father Hewitt, relative of ex-Mayor Hewitt, now a professor at the Catholic University in Washington, D. C.; Father Elliot, the noted temperance worker, are all members of the Paulist Society. Mission work is a leading feature of the society. Its members go out in pairs among the various churches and hold a series of meetings for a week or two. The object of these meetings is to promote spirituality and quicken an interest in the teachings of Christianity. The meetings held under the auspices of the Paulists are open to all, and everybody is welcome.

Two members of this celebrated order will conduct a series of mission meetings in the Church of the Sacred Heart next week, commencing to-morrow morning after the 10.30 mass.

Every morning during the week there will be an instruction and mass at five o'clock for the benefit of working men. The church bell will ring at 4.30.

At eight o'clock a second instruction and mass will be held. There will also be a daily afternoon meeting at three o'clock and an evening meeting at 7.30.

The full choir will participate at the evening meetings. There will be ample accommodation for all, and a cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend the meetings.

The Star Course.

The second entertainment is on Tuesday evening, November 29th, when an eloquent and stirring lecture will be given by Merrill E. Gates, Ph. D., LL. D., President of Amherst College, Mass., but formerly of Rutgers College in this State. The subject will be "Patriotism in Times of Peace." This address has been received, we are informed, with enthusiasm wherever it has been heard in the larger cities. The subject should interest the citizens of Bloomfield who esteem public spirit as a virtue to be cultivated.

President Gates is so much in demand as an orator on important public occasions that this opportunity to hear him in a lecture course is an unusual one. It is said that he is one of the most inspiring and effective platform speakers of the present day, and to be classed with such orators as Dr. Richard S. Storrs and the late George William Curtis, so that any who fail to attend this lecture will rob themselves of a rare pleasure. The committee wish it announced that persons holding last season's unused tickets for President Gates's lecture (which was postponed) will be given admission free at the door upon presentation of their unused tickets. A full house should greet this distinguished scholar next Tuesday evening.

Bowling Contest.

The first game of the series between the Bloomfield Cyclers and West End bowling teams took place on Monday evening at the Olympic. There was an enthusiastic assemblage present, and each side received a liberal reward of applause. From the outset the West End team took the lead, increasing it as the game progressed. As a result they rolled up a score of which they may well feel proud. It is only fair to say that the Cyclers were not in as good form as usual, and did not do themselves justice. They express themselves as confident of making a better showing in the concluding games. The total score for the game was West End 749, Bloomfield Cyclers 661. The individual scores were as follows: West End—F. C. Van Auker 151, H. Speer 167, C. Vogeltus 157, N. H. Cadmus 149, H. C. Van Auker 135. Bloomfield Cyclers—F. M. Coslett 154, H. H. Lake 138, W. B. Dodd 108, H. B. Davis 155, H. S. Parker 106. The next game will occur on Saturday evening, at 8.30, and the series will be finished on Tuesday evening, November 29.

Wedding—Bradley.

A pleasant home wedding took place on Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. George Bradley on Watessing Avenue, when her youngest daughter, Miss Hattie, and John Rawloff were united in wedlock. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John A. Williams, the newly elected pastor of St. Paul's P. R. Church, of which the bride is a member. A large assemblage witnessed the ceremony. A wedding supper was served by the bride's mother. The couple were the recipients of numerous handsome presents.

"Now is the winter of our discontent." Changed to rejoicing, and the public mind is upon "FERRIS' Delicious Home-Intend, and interest in all else has fallen behind."—Adv.

